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ESPIONAGE/FBI>BROKAW: The first FBI agent ever charged with espionage, <
>ARREST>Richard Miller, pleaded not guilty today, and so did the
two Russians who are charged with conspiring with him to
buy secret documents. George Lewis reports tonight that
Miller's lawyers say they will prove that he really was
doing his job as a counterspy.

LEWIS: Richard Miller, an FBI man for 20 years, now a
federal prisoner charged with espionage. According to
government officials in Los Angeles, Miller and Svetlana
Ogorodnikova, a self-proclaimed KGB agent, were quite an
item. She is charged with bribing Miller to turn over
secret documents describing the FBI's efforts against
Soviet spies. In court today, Miller, Ogorodnikova, and
her husband, Nikoly, all pleaded not guilty to the spying
and conspiracy charges. The judge set their trial for
Dec. 4. Miller's wife, two of his eight children and his
mother-in-law were present in court. His lawyers say the
family stands behind him fully. According to the lawyers,
Miller was investigating the Soviets, and when he told his
superiors what he was doing, he was arrested.

STANLEY GREENBERG (defense lawyer): I don't know that
'framed' is the right word. Again, he was conducting an
investigation, not uncommon in that particular office.

LEWIS: So Miller's lawyers will try to prove he was just
doing his duty when he contacted the Russian couple. The
Ogorodnikova's lawyers haven't given any clues as to how
their defense will be conducted. George Lewis, NBC News,
Los Angeles. <

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